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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 2, 2007,

Applicant comments as follows.

It appears from a review of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for

Allowance set out in Paragraph 2, page 3, that the word "not" may be missing from the

second full sentence thereof. Specifically, that text currently reads "subject matter found"

but it appears it should read "subject matter not found". As corrected, the sentence would

read: "The subject matter not found is the needle having a bent area that extends along a

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path other than the longitudinal axis of the needle and having no portion of the bevel in the bent area in combination with the other features of the invention substantially as claimed."

Applicant does not believe there is any fee due with this submission, other than the Issue and Publication Fees, which are being submitted electronically, concurrently with this submission. Should any fees or surcharges be deemed necessary, the Examiner has authorization to charge fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative with any questions or issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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